TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A SUBMISSION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371	ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER 12810-00007-US
	U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 CFR 1.5) 10/519801

INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/EP2003/006895	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE 30 June 2003	PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED 5 July 2002

TITLE OF INVENTION   OPEN-CELLED MOLDED POLYPROPYLENE FOAMS

APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US   Christian Maletzko et al.

Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:

1. [x] This is a **FIRST** submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371.

2. [ ] This is a **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371.

3. [x] This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371 (f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below.

4. [x] The US has been elected (Article 31).

5. [x] A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(2))

   a. [ ] is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).

   b. [x] has been communicated by the International Bureau.

   c. [ ] is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).

6. [x] An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(2)).

   a. [x] is attached hereto.

   b. [ ] has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).

7. [x] Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(3))

   a. [ ] are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).

   b. [ ] have been communicated by the International Bureau.

   c. [ ] have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.

   d. [x] have not been made and will not be made.

8. [ ] An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(3)).

9. [x] An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(4)).

10. [ ] An English language translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(5)).

Items 11 to 20 below concern document(s) or information included:

11. [X] An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.

12. [ ] An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.

13. [X] A preliminary amendment.

14. [x] An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76.

15. [ ] A substitute specification.

16. [ ] A power of attorney and/or change of address letter.

17. [ ] A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 CFR 1.821 - 1.825.

18. [ ] A second copy of the published International Application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).

19. [ ] A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).

20. [x] Other items or information: Return Receipt Postcard, ISR

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21. The following fees are submitted:

		Applicant Use	Office Use Only
[x]	a) Basic national fee $300.00	$ 300.00	
[x]	b) Examination fee $200.00	$ 200.00	
[x]	c) Search fee $500.00	$ 500.00	
	TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS = $1000.00	$	

[ ] Additional fee for specification and drawings filed in paper over 100 sheets (excluding sequence listing or computer program listing filed in an electronic medium). The fee is $250 for each additional 50 sheets of paper or fraction thereof.

Total Sheets	Extra sheets	Number of each additional 50 or fraction thereof (round up to a whole number	RATE
10 - 100 =		/50 =	x $250.00

Surcharge of $130.00 for furnishing the oath or declaration later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492 (e)).

CLAIMS	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE		
Total claims	11 - 20 =		x	$	0.00
Independent claims	1 - 3 =		x	$	0.00
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(s) (if applicable)		+		$	
		TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =		$	1,000.00

[ ] Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. The fees indicated above are reduced by ½. $

SUBTOTAL =	$ 1,000.00	

Processing fee of $130.00 for furnishing the English translation later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492 (f)). + $

TOTAL NATIONAL FEE =	$ 1,000.00	

Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21 (h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). $40.00 per property + $

TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED =	$ 1,000.00	
Amount to be refunded:		$
Amount to be charged:		$

a. [ ] A check in the amount of $ _____ to cover the above fees is enclosed.

b. [x] Please charge my Deposit Account No. ____22-0185____ in the amount of $ ___1,000.00___ to cover the above fees. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

c. [x] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. ____22-0185____. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

d. [ ] Fees are to be charged to a credit card. **WARNING:** Information on this form may become public. **Credit card information should not be included on this form.** Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038.

NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137 (a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the International Application to pending status.

SEND ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO:

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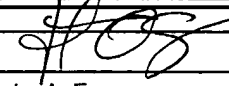Approved for use through 7/31/2006. OMB 0651-0032
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FEE TRANSMITTAL **For FY 2005**	Application Number	Not Yet Assigned
	Filing Date	Concurrently Herewith
	First Named Inventor	Christian Maletzko
	Examiner Name	Not Yet Assigned
☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27	Art Unit	N/A
TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT ($) 1,000.00	Attorney Docket No.	12810-00007-US

METHOD OF PAYMENT (check all that apply)

☐ Check   ☐ Credit Card   ☐ Money Order   ☐ None   ☐ Other (please identify): _____

☒ Deposit Account   Deposit Account Number: 22-0185   Deposit Account Name: Connolly Bove Lodge & Hutz LLP

For the above-identified deposit account, the Director is hereby authorized to: (check all that apply)

☒ Charge fee(s) indicated below   ☐ Charge fee(s) indicated below, **except for the filing fee**

☒ Charge any additional fee(s) or underpayment of fee(s) under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17   ☒ Credit any overpayments

FEE CALCULATION

1. BASIC FILING, SEARCH, AND EXAMINATION FEES

Application Type	FILING FEES Fee ($)	Small Entity Fee ($)	SEARCH FEES Fee ($)	Small Entity Fee ($)	EXAMINATION FEES Fee ($)	Small Entity Fee ($)	Fees Paid ($)
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	_____
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	_____
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	_____
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	_____
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	_____

2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES

Fee Description	Fee ($)	Small Entity Fee ($)
Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)	50	25
Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)	200	100
Multiple dependent claims	360	180

Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee ($)	Fee Paid ($)	Multiple Dependent Claims	
15 - 20 = _____	x _____	= _____		Fee ($)	Fee Paid ($)

Indep. Claims	Extra Claims	Fee ($)	Fee Paid ($)
1 - 3 = _____	x _____	= _____	

3. APPLICATION SIZE FEE

If the specification and drawings exceed 100 sheets of paper (excluding electronically filed sequence or computer listings under 37 CFR 1.52(e)), the application size fee due is $250 ($125 for small entity) for each additional 50 sheets or fraction thereof. See 35 U.S.C. 41(a)(1)(G) and 37 CFR 1.16(s).

Total Sheets	Extra Sheets	Number of each additional 50 or fraction thereof	Fee ($)	Fee Paid ($)
10 - 100 = _____	/50	_____ (round up to a whole number) x	_____	= _____

4. OTHER FEE(S)

	Fees Paid ($)
Non-English Specification, $130 fee (no small entity discount)	
Other (e.g., late filing surcharge): 1631 Basic National Stage fee	300.00
1632 National Stage search fee	500.00
1633 National Stage examination fee	200.00

SUBMITTED BY				
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